



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of

Masachika MASUDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2823

Application No.: 10/821,173

Examiner: S. KIM

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Docket No.: 123788

For: PLASTIC PACKAGE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the August 8, 2006 Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-4, 9-20 and 24-31 and Species I, Figs. 1(a)-9(d), with traverse.

I. Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-4, 9-20 and 24-31, with traverse.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed because the claims of Groups I and II are drawn to sufficiently inter-related inventions to warrant examination thereof in a single application. Group I is drawn to a semiconductor device. Group II is drawn to a method for fabricating a semiconductor device.

Where product and process claims are presented in the same application, Applicant may be called upon under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect claims to either the product or process. MPEP §821.04. However, in the case of an elected product claim, rejoinder will be permitted when a